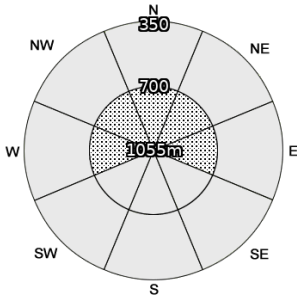


Avalanche Hazard Forecast - FOR PERIOD 18:00HRS Wed 18/12/2019 TO 18:00HRS Thu 19/12/2019



Hazard Level	Avalanche Probability
Very High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. Numerous very large, often extremely large natural avalanches can be expected.
High	Natural and human triggered avalanches will occur. In some cases, numerous large, often very large sized natural avalanches can be expected.
Considerable	Natural and human triggered avalanches possible, in some cases large, in isolated cases very large sized natural avalanches are possible.
Moderate	Very large sized natural avalanches are unlikely. Human triggering possible in indicated steep places.
Low	Only small and medium sized natural avalanches are possible. Human triggering possible in steep, extreme terrain.

Forecast Weather Influences

Strong East winds will increase in strength overnight veering Southerly. Easing slightly by mid morning to become East-South-Easterly. Light snow showers are expected this evening turning to rain as the freezing level rises abruptly from 700 metres to above summit levels.

Forecast Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

At first the snow pack will remain cold. Heightened avalanche conditions can be expected as the freezing level rises and the snow pack softens. Windslab instabilities which are mainly on features such as high coire rims and gully tops, scarp slopes and flanks above 700 meters will be unstable with triggering likely. The avalanche hazard will be Moderate.

Observed Avalanche Hazard - Wed 18/12/2019

Observed Weather Influences

There has been fresh South-East winds and low temperatures with a trace of new snow. A clear morning with bright periods at first then clouds on the tops later.

Observed Snow Stability and Avalanche Hazard

A thin breakable wind crust has formed on most snow covered areas with small areas and pockets of windslab instabilities remaining on high coire rims, gully tops and flanks from West through North to East aspects above 700 metres. The avalanche hazard is Moderate.

Mountain Conditions

Observed Mountain Travel Conditions

Deeper snow above 350m- hard going on foot. Clear in the morning with poor visibility in clouds later. Winds 20 -30 mph feeling very cold with the wind chill.

Comments

A fine day but feeling very cold in the wind, freezing level rising tonight with heightened avalanche conditions overnight and tomorrow.